

Arkansas Livestock & Poultry Commission
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**ARKANSAS REGULATIONS FOR CONCENTRATION POINTS OF CATTLE
(AUCTION MARKETS, FARM SALES, PRIVATE SALES, ETC.) INVOLVING
INFECTIOUS, CONTAGIOUS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Dealer Licensing

All persons who deal in livestock must have a dealer license. Such license will be renewed yearly.

Testing Requirements

- A. No intact bovine animal over eighteen (18) months of age, as evidenced by the eruption of the first two permanent incisor teeth, or that is in the third trimester of pregnancy, or has calved, shall be sold, traded, given away or moved for the purpose of ownership unless accompanied by evidence of an official negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days of sale or movement. Any cattle that are NV branded will be tested regardless of age. Cattle originating directly out of certified free herds are exempt from this requirement, if proper documentation is provided (last test chart with the certified free herd number). This test shall be done at the concentration point if no evidence is presented of a test within the previous thirty (30) days.
- B. Testing will be done at the owner's (seller's) expense by a private veterinary practitioner, or by approval of State Veterinarian, in all change of ownership transactions done other than at the auction market. It is the responsibility of both the seller and purchaser to see that the test is done.

Calfhood Vaccination Requirements

- A. All non-vaccinated intact heifer calves between the ages of 4 and 12 months which are sold through Arkansas cattle markets, concentration points, or private sales for movement to Arkansas farms shall be vaccinated for brucellosis before being moved from the premises. Vaccination may be accomplished prior to or after the sale. Non-vaccinated heifers between the ages of 4 and 12 months being moved directly out of state will not be vaccinated with the exception of the following:
 - (1) Concentration point chooses to vaccinate all calves,
 - (2) Receiving state requires vaccination,
 - (3) Purchaser requests vaccination
- B. Effective August 1, 1995, every female bovine twelve (12) months of age or older that is not calfhood vaccinated or spayed which is sold through any livestock

market in the state or which is otherwise sold by one person to another in the state, which heifer is not from a certified brucellosis free herd, shall be "NV" branded. Calves originating out of certified free herds must be accompanied by appropriate documents; that is, the certified free herd number and herd owner's name and address.

Private Veterinarian Participation

Where feasible, the testing and/or vaccination at auction market and concentration points may be done by private veterinarians. These private veterinarians must be:

- A. Approved by the livestock market owner/manager (or concentration point manager) and the State Veterinarian.
- B. Must be licensed, accredited, and currently on State Veterinarian's approved list to do program work.
- C. Enter into a contract with the State Veterinarian to do the work.

Records and Document Requirements

- A. Individuals, dealers and auction market operators shall retain records for a minimum of two (2) years (for each intact bovine involved in a transaction) containing the following information:
 - (1) Name and address of consignor (seller)
 - (2) Name and address of consignee (buyer)
 - (3) Date and location of transaction
 - (4) A record of the back tag sequence (from beginning number to ending number) used per sale day.
- B. Employees and representatives of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and Veterinary Services of the USDA shall be granted read access to, and given assistance with, said records upon request.
- C. Removal of man-made identification from cows will be prohibited. When existing permanent tags for identification are already in place, that number will be used instead of adding another one.

Sanitation and Husbandry Requirements

- A. Regular concentration points shall be inspected for adequate sanitation and husbandry practices on a periodic basis by a representative of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission or Veterinary Services.
 - (1) The following will be evaluated:
 - (a) In the opinion of the aforementioned inspector, the yards, chutes, pens, alleys and associated pastures must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
 - (b) Animals infected with any contagious, infectious or communicable disease shall be segregated from the other animals in a pen by themselves as directed by an official authorized by the Arkansas Livestock and

Poultry Commission. After they are removed, the pen shall be cleaned and disinfected before it is used again.

- (2) Cleaning and disinfecting equipment (including a pressure sprayer) and a USDA approved phenol-coefficient (cresylic) disinfectant shall be maintained on the premises.
- B. Sanitation requirements concerning the handling of brucellosis reactors, exposed animals, and other quarantined animals (as determined by the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission) at the facility:
 - (1) A quarantined reactor pen shall be distinctly designated, marked accordingly "Bangs" or "Brucellosis Pen" or "Quarantine Pen", and maintained:
 - (a) It shall be constructed so that there is no contact between reactors and non-restricted animals.
 - (b) The floor shall be covered with an impermeable surface.
 - (c) Drainage from the pen shall not drain back into an area accessible to non-restricted animals.
 - (d) It shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each sale day and before it is used again.
 - (2) In the event of an inordinate number of reactors, exposed animals, or other quarantined animals, other pens shall be designated as "overflow pens" and treated as a reactor pen after they are used.

Requirements Regarding the Management of Brucellosis Infected and Exposed Animals Flowing Through Or Disclosed at the Sale

- A. Sanitation standards, as described in Section VI.B, must be maintained in order to protect the health and safety of both the livestock and the personnel working them.
- B. Logistics and Procedures:
 - (1) Brucellosis reactors and exposed animals shall be sold at the last of every sale and maintained separate from non-restricted animals. (This applies to other diseased animals as designated by the State Epidemiologist or State Veterinarian.)
 - (2) For reactors disclosed at the sale through the testing procedure:
 - (a) Test-positive animals may return to the farm of origin at the discretion of regulatory officials under quarantine for additional tests to determine definite disease status.
 - (b) Market reactors consigned to slaughter must be identified with a B-brand on their left hip near the tail head and an official reactor tag inserted into their left ear. Heifer calves off of a B-branded dam must also be B-branded and sold for slaughter only. Heifers may be spayed in lieu of B-branding and slaughter. If a reactor is disclosed at the market, all heifer calves in the same consignment shall be S-branded or returned back to the farm of origin under quarantine. Any bull calves must be S-branded or castrated.
 - (c) Exposed animals (those in the same consignment for as long as 24 hours or out of the same herd as the reactor) shall be placed under quarantine and;
 1. S-branded and sold for slaughter or consigned to a quarantined feedlot;
or
 2. Sent back to the farm of origin to participate in quarantined herd testing

procedures.

- (d) Way-bills, consignment papers, and associated documents shall be clearly marked "Brucellosis Reactor" so that all parties are aware of what they are dealing with.
- (e) The herd of origin shall be immediately quarantined, either issuing the quarantine directly to the owner at the sale or by sending it to him by registered return receipt mail.

Testing and Vaccination Facility Requirements at Regular Concentration Points

A. Testing chute and alley:

- (1) Must be judged to be safe and humane by the designated inspector for both the animals and personnel involved in handling animals.
- (2) Must have adequate lighting and ventilation as judged by the inspector.
- (3) Adequate help must be provided by the auction market or dealer for:
 - (a) Adequate restraint of the animals being tested or vaccinated.
 - (b) To provide a flow of animals to the testing and vaccinating chutes so that all procedures can be completed on timely basis.
- (4) Must have adequate structural strength and design to facilitate completion of the required procedures without undue delay.

B. Laboratory:

- (1) Located in close proximity to the testing chute and secluded away from other market activities.
- (2) Must be sufficiently heated to maintain at least a 70 degree temperature in cold weather.
- (3) Must have sufficient cooling and ventilation to maintain a temperature of between 70 and 75 degrees in warm weather.
- (4) Must have adequate lighting and electrical outlets for equipment needed for testing procedures.
- (5) Must provide a refrigeration unit sufficient to maintain antigens and vaccines in a viable state.
- (6) Must have running water and a sink to facilitate proper cleanliness in the laboratory procedures.
- (7) Must have a secure door which can be locked to prohibit the unauthorized entry of those other than auction market and animal health regulatory personnel.

Results of Non-Compliance

A. If the designated inspector finds that the auction market operators, dealers, or individuals involved in change of ownership transactions are not in compliance with the above stated standards, that person or establishment will:

- (1) Be notified in writing explaining the deficiencies and recommendations made on what improvements should be made to achieve compliance.
- (2) Notify the Commission within fifteen (15) days after receipt of such notice to certify that the steps have been taken to comply with the standards:
 - (a) If there is a failure to respond, or if the Commission or its designated inspector determine that the establishment has not complied with the standards, the market shall be inspected by a committee consisting of one (1) livestock market

representative , two (2) livestock producers, and the State Veterinarian. Members of the committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the Livestock and Poultry Commission and those members shall be from outside the incriminated establishment's trade area. Per diem and mileage for committee members shall be paid as provided for by the state of Arkansas.

- (b) If the committee finds that the incriminated establishment does not meet the prescribed standards, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission shall order the market closed immediately until the market is found to be in compliance with the defined standards.
- (c) That they have knowingly sold for dairy or breeding purposes livestock which were affected with livestock diseases.
- (d) That they have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission their inability or unwillingness to carry out the record keeping requirements of this regulation.
- (e) That they have ceased to operate the business for which the license was issued.

3. Records Required-

Each licensed person or firm shall keep a record of all livestock purchased, sold or otherwise handled.

The records required shall be recorded in an appropriate record book or other system that will permit the recording of information relating to each transaction in such a manner that will enable personnel of the state and federal animal health agencies to identify the origin and disposition of each required animal purchased or sold.

4. Contents of Records-

The records shall include the following information:

- (a) Ear tag numbers or other identifying numbers carried by, or assigned to the animal at the time of purchase by, or consignment to, and at the time of sale by a dealer, broker, auctioneer, auction market operator, or other intermediary or agent. Any animal requiring identification which does not carry such individual identification at the time of purchase or sale, shall be at that time identified with acceptable identification tags, brands, and/or tattoos. Official back tags will be acceptable individual identification for animals purchased in the country for immediate sale at regular scheduled auction sales, stockyards yards of slaughtering establishments.
- (b) The name and address of the person who consigned the animal for sale or from whom the animal was purchased. If such animal was purchased at an auction, the name and address of the auction market, and the date of such consignment and purchase.
- (c) The name and address of the person or firm to whom the animal was sold and the date of such sale or consignment.
- (d) The breed, sex, approximate age and weight of each animal.
- (e) The date and result of any test required for sale or movement of each animal, or a copy of the official test record may be identified to the transaction and filed with the records.

The required information relating to the purchase shall be recorded immediately upon completion of the purchase (but no later than 24 hours after the purchase) and the required information relating to the sale of such animals shall be recorded immediately (within 24 hours) upon completion of the consignment or sale.

5. Retention of Records -

The records of livestock sales, purchases, and transactions shall be kept and retained in the possession of the dealer, auctioneer, commission company, for a period of at least two years after each purchase or sale of any livestock. All records, together with the entries therein shall be available for examination by agents of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission.

6. Fees-

- (a) There will be a \$10.00 fee for each application or renewal. Fee will be refunded if application is rejected.
- (b) Fees must be paid on or before July 31st each year.

Non-compliance of any part of this regulation is a Class A misdemeanor.